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MINUTES.

SALEM CHAPEL,
Forsythe County, N. C., Nov. 13, 1868.

The "North Carolina and Virginia Christian Conference met at this place to-day, and was called to order by the Secretary, the President of last session being absent.

The ministerial and church rolls were then read, and the following appeared and took their seats, viz:

Elders.—T. J. Fowler, A. Iseley, A. Apple, J. W. Wellons, J. N. Manning, E. W. Beale, J. N. Farrell, A. G. Anderson, P. W. Allen, R. G. Tinnen, D. T. Deanes, W. S. Long, C. A. Apple.

Licentiates.—J. W. Hatch, Bennett Ausley, D. A. Long, R. C. Tuck, W. T. Walker.

The following delegates handed in their credentials and were admitted to seats as members of the Conference, viz: J. A. Long, Wm. N. Pritchard, Thomas G. Lindsey, C. H. Yeates, C. S. Holleman, W. G. Clements, R. Tuck, Joel Fulton, Abram Fulton, H. Marshall, S. G. Truitt, M. C. Winston, H. Rudd, D. C. Murchison, S. C. Crocker, S. L. Waynock, Forrister McCain, David Huffines, Eli Iseley, Adam Strader, Dr. J. Strader, L. L. Kernodle.

A quorum being present, Conference was opened by singing and prayer, Rev. A. G. Anderson officiating.

Conference then proceeded to the election of the usual officers, which resulted in the selection of Rev. A. G. Anderson, President; D. A. Long and R. C. Tuck assistant Secretaries.

Conference then listened to the introductory sermon, delivered by Rev. A. Iseley, from 1st Cor., xii., 31. A

very forcible and impressive discourse, giving needful instruction to all present, especially to young ministers.

Conference then took a recess for three-quarters of an hour, after which the body reassembled for business.

On motion, Rev. Thomas H. Pegram, of the Methodist Protestant Church, was invited to an honorary seat in this body.

On motion, Rev. W. B. Wellons, a fraternal messenger from the Eastern Virginia Conference, was invited to a seat as a deliberative member, who, upon coming forward, made some seasonable and appropriate remarks respecting the duties of Conference, and expressive of the kindly feelings existing between his Conference and this body, and also mentioning the fact that he came as President of the General Convention to advise with Conference upon the best means by which our cause can be advanced.

On motion of Rev. W. S. Long, a Committee on Religious Exercises was then appointed.

Rev. D. T. Deanes and Bros. W. Haislip and D. M. Linville, committee.

Rev. W. S. Long, Chairman of the Sabbath School Committee, then reported. The report was received and so much of it as related to a Sabbath School Convention, was adopted.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed to examine and report upon Church records, and the letters from the Churches.

The Chair appointed Revs. J. N. Manning, J. W. Wellons and E. W. Beale.

On motion, the ministers of the Conference were directed to make annually a report of their ministerial labors, as required by our Form of Government.

On motion, the Churches were required to submit annually their records for the inspection of Conference, agreeably to the provisions of our Form of Government.

It was then announced that Rev. J. W. Wellons would preach to-morrow at 11½ o'clock.

On motion, Conference adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Singing and prayer by Rev. W. S. Long.

SATURDAY, Nov. 14, 1868.

Conference convened. Prayer by Rev. A. Apple.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

Rev. J. W. Wellons then gave an account of his visit to the Eastern Virginia Conference as a fraternal messenger.

Rev. C. A. Apple moved that a committee of three be appointed to report on periodicals.

The Chair appointed Revs. C. A. Apple, A. Apple and J. N. Farrell.

Rev. W. S. Long then offered a resolution that the Chair appoint a committee of three to report some plan by which the Board of Publication may be aided in putting a Hymn Book to press as soon as possible.

The Chair appointed Revs. W. S. Long, D. T. Deanes and J. W. Wellons.

Conference then adjourned until 9 o'clock Monday morning in order that the Sunday School Convention might meet.

MONDAY MORNING, Nov. 16th, 1868.

Conference convened. Singing and prayer by Rev. E. W. Beale.

On motion, it was agreed that Conference proceed to business without calling the roll or reading the proceedings of the previous day—the Standing Secretary being absent.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools then reported as follows, which was received and adopted:

REPORT.

This subject has long been regarded as one of paramount importance. In many sections our people failed

to organize and conduct efficient Sabbath Schools. A most happy change has taken place during the past year. Large and well-conducted schools have sprung up in nearly all our congregations. Our ministers have generally become earnest and efficient Sabbath School men, and the private members of our churches have entered into this most noble work with equal diligence and promptitude. Of the good results growing out of these schools we may state the following: Our houses of worship have been attended more punctually and largely, the young have taken more interest in the preaching of the Gospel, and many have been added to the Church.

Seventeen Sabbath Schools have been organized within the boundaries of this Conference. In these there are 182 superintendents and teachers, and 811 scholars; aggregate, 933 members. All the schools have not been reported to the committee.

During the past year, seeing the interest manifested by our people in the Sabbath School work, and believing that its importance demanded organized and well regulated efforts, your Committee did, at the request of some of the brethren, call a Convention of the friends of the Sabbath School, to meet at this place during the sitting of this body, and we hope that a suitable time will be set apart by you for this purpose.

W. S. Long, Chairman.

On motion of Rev. J. W. Wellons, Bros. J. W. Hatch and Hezekiah Rudd were appointed on the Committee on Home Missions in place of the like number who were absent.

The Committee to whom was referred the business of assisting in organizing a Colored Conference in North Carolina reported, which was received and adopted.

REPORT.

We your Committee appointed at the last session of Conference to assist in organizing a Colored Conference of North Carolina, beg leave to report:

We met the colored people in the city of Raleigh on the 11th day of Nov., 1868, and succeeded in organizing a Conference on the Principles of the Christian Church, to be known as the "Colored Christian Conference of North Carolina." They were organized with 7 churches, 2 elders, 2 licentiates. They have had a second session

of their Conference, which we attended; they received nine new churches, six ministers were licensed and two were ordained, making now five elders, seven licentiates and sixteen churches, a membership now of six hundred and sixty two. Nine Sabbath schools, with an aggregate number of three hundred and twenty members.

The next session of their Conference is to be held with the church at Newbern, North Carolina, on Friday before the first Sunday in November, 1869.

We would recommend that this Conference appoint one minister or more to attend the next session of their Conference, to aid them in making permanent their organization.

J. W. WELLONS.
H. B. HAYES.

On motion Revs. J. W. Wellons and H. B. Hayes, were appointed a committee to assist in making permanent the organization of the Colored Christian Conference in North Carolina.

The Committee on Temperance reported, which was received, and after remarks from several brethren, it was moved by Rev. A. Iseley, that it be laid on the table, which was carried, and when taken up it was adopted by a rising vote of the whole Conference.

REPORT.

The Committee on Temperance would report that a very deep interest is being felt throughout the States of North Carolina and Virginia upon the subject of temperance, and that considerable good is being accomplished under the auspices of the "Friends of Temperance."

The committee would direct attention to the report on temperance last year, and recommend that the measures therein proposed be continued in unabated use until all intoxicating liquors cease to be used as a beverage, within the bounds of the Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
J. N. MANNING, Chairman.

The Committee to whom was referred the examination of the church records and letters from the churches reported, which was received and adopted.

REPORT.

The Committee, to whom was referred the records of churches and the letters from the churches, would report:

That the records of four churches only were put into their hands, viz: Salem Chapel, New Providence, O'Kelly's and Pleasant Grove, Va. The subject matter of these is very well written, and shows a considerable degree of faithfulness on the part of the secretaries. There are a few deficiencies, however, in some of them, which have been pointed out privately for the benefit of the secretaries.

Owing to the small number of records put into our hands we are unable to make any statistical report, or gather much matter of general interest. From the letters chiefly, we learn that in many places meetings of deep interest have been protracted with very good results and that quite a number have embraced religion and united with the church.

We would recommend the following as a very good form of keeping church books, viz: Draw a line in the middle of the left hand page, and write the name to be recorded on the right hand margin of the same. Then write what may be needful in connection with the person's admission into the church on the left hand margin, and on the right hand page opposite to the name anything necessary in reference to the death, removal etc. of the individual, always affixing dates, both as to his admision or dismissal, viz:

NAMES OF MEMBERS.

United July 4, 1868	Jas. H. Leeds	Removed to Nashville, Aug. 9, 1868.
United July 4, 1868	Sol. Mayhoe	Died of Typhoid Fever, Aug. 10, 1868.

Every church ought to transcribe from the Form of Government the form of organization there recommended and otherwise observe what our Form of Government requires. This will secure uniformity in keeping our records, and enable us to get directly the history of each church.

Submitted,

J. N. MANNING, Chairman.

On motion of Rev. W. S. Long, the business of appointing Fraternal Messengers to sister Conferences was taken up, and Revs. J. W. Wellons, J. N. Manning, D. A. Long and E. W. Beale were elected Fraternal Messengers to the Eastern Virginia Conference. Revs. A.

Apple, R. G. Tinnen, W. S. Long, and J. W. Hatch were elected to the Deep River Conference, Revs. J. N. Manning, R. C. Tuck, and D. A. Long were elected Fraternal Messengers to the Valley of Virginia Conference.

On motion, the consideration of a place for the next meeting of the annual Conference was taken up, and Wake Chapel, North Carolina, and Union, Virginia, were placed in nomination, which resulted in the selection of Wake Chapel, Wake County, North Carolina, for the next meeting of the Annual Conference.

On motion, Conference adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. W. B. Wellons.

TUESDAY, November 17, 1868.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President. Prayer by Rev. D. T. Deanes. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion, the Chair appointed Revs. A. Iseley, W. S. Long, and E. W. Beale Executive Committee.

Rev. T. H. Pegram, of the Methodist Protestant Church, arose and addressed the Conference, stating that there was not sufficient difference existing between the churches to keep them very far apart; that true religion is the same among all churches and people, and as there was no difference in point of doctrine or sentiment between the M. P. Conference of North Carolina, and the Christian Church, he, therefore, desired this body to send Fraternal Messengers to the North Carolina Methodist Protestant Conference, to convene at Mt. Pleasant, Guilford County, North Carolina, December 2, 1868.

A motion was offered by Rev. J. N. Manning, that a Fraternal Messenger be appointed to the Methodist Protestant Conference.

The sentiments of Rev. T. H. Pegram were responded to by Revs. W. B. Wellons, A. G. Anderson, T. J. Fowler, and J. W. Wellons, expressing the kind feelings of the Christian Church towards him and his Conference, and suggesting that the resolution of Rev. J. N. Manning be couched in a preamble expressive of our feelings toward that body, which was unanimously agreed to.

The following preamble and resolution were then presented and unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Rev. T. H. Pegram, of the Methodist Protestant Church, of North Carolina, being invited, has accepted a seat as a deliberative member of this body, and has expressed a desire, in which we most heartily concur, of fraternizing with us, and of having us send a fraternal messenger to the Methodist Protestant Conference of North Carolina, which meets at Mt. Pleasant, Guilford County, North Carolina, December 2, 1868; therefore,

Resolved, That we send Revs. J. N. Manning and W. S. Long to carry the fraternal feelings and brotherly love of this Conference to that body, and invite, in our behalf, the like favor on their part.

By request of Rev. J. N. Manning the chair appointed Rev. A. Iseley in his place on the Standing Committee on Temperance.

The Committee on Education then reported, which was received and adopted:

REPORT.

Education has long been a subject of deep and absorbing interest to the Christian Church, but for several years its efforts have ceased with the adoption of resolutions annually offered, expressive of a will and a purpose, which have never been executed; consequently the youth of the Church have been almost entirely neglected, or forced to seek instruction under the influence of other denominations, or at independent schools. The result is our people are drifting about in the indefinable limits of uncertainty, subject to every wind of doctrine and every disorganizing and hurtful influence that may prevail in their midst. Young men desiring to enter

the ministry must prosecute their studies unaided and alone, or under the direction of those who have no sympathy for them. We have now a number of candidates for ministerial orders, but no means with which to assist them or any school to which we can invite them.

We recommend that Conference make an effort to establish a school of high grade somewhere within its bounds, at which young men looking forward to the ministry may acquire a knowledge of all the branches of learning required in our form of government, and at which the youth and friends of our church may procure a thorough business education.

The Committee would also report that most of the licentiates and other members of the biblical class have reached the standard of learning required by our form of government, and many of them have made considerable progress in the classics. Their religious experience and prospects for usefulness are highly gratifying.

We would mention the name of Bro. J. B. Ausley as being a pious and devout Christian, and advise that he be encouraged to continue his studies, and to make himself as useful as possible.

We recommend that Bro. W. G. Clements be licensed to preach the Gospel.

We further recommend that Bros. D. A. Long, R. C. Tuck, W. S. Walker, and J. W. Hatch be ordained Elders in the Christian Church, they having conformed to all the requirements of the Government of the Church. And that they be relieved of the duty of delivering trial sermons before Conference. Members of your Committee have heard all of them preach to entire satisfaction, and have discovered their taste and proficiency in writing.

Respectfully submitted,

J. N. MANNING, Chairman.

The Committee on Periodicals then reported, which was received and adopted.

REPORT.

The Committee on Periodicals beg leave to report: That, after a careful inquiry into this subject, they find that the CHRISTIAN SUN, our only denominational paper, though all we could wish as a church organ, is suffering from pecuniary embarrassments, and without a better support than it has heretofore received, its continuance is very doubtful. The paper has been pub-

lished since the war entirely on the responsibility of its resident editor. From the fact that such a large portion of our people decline to subscribe for the paper, he has been much straightened for want of means to keep it on foot.

We propose that during the present session of Conference an effort be made to raise as large a sum as possible to relieve the CHRISTIAN SUN of embarrassment.

We would likewise recommend that each minister of this Conference be requested to use every exertion in his power to procure new subscribers for the SUN, and report his success to the next session of this body.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. APPLE, Chairman.

The Committee on the Publication of Hymn Book reported verbally that Rev. W. B. Wellons would make a proposition to Conference, which, if accepted, would relieve the committee of any duty in the case.

Bro. Wellons then proposed to publish an edition of 2,000 copies of a Hymn Book within six months, upon his own responsibility, under the endorsement of the Board of Publication, providing Conference would raise $300 towards relieving him of embarrassment in connection with the CHRISTIAN SUN.

This proposition was acccepted by Conference, and $213 was immediately raised and offered as a gratuity to Bro. Wellons, in connection with contributions from other sources, to enable him to purchase all the stock in the SUN establishment for his own use.

On motion, to-morrow, 10 o'clock A. M., was set apart for the ordination of the brethren recommended by the Educational Committee.

On motion, Revs. T. J. Fowler, A. Iseley, J. N. Manning, and W. B. Wellons, were appointed the ordaining Presbytery.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was received and laid upon the table.

On motion, Rev. W. S. Long was appointed to deliver the next annual address before this Conference, and Rev. E. W. Beale his alternate.

On motion, Shiloh, Virginia, was dropped from the list of churches.

On motion, every minister belonging to this Conference was instructed to take up a quarterly collection for Conference fund.

On motion, Rev. W. B. Wellons was requested to deliver an ordination sermon to-morrow, 10½ o'clock A. M.

On motion, Conference adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by Rev. A. Iseley.

November 18, 1868.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President. Prayer by Rev. J. N. Farrell.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion, the report on Home Missions was taken up, and after remarks from Revs. J. W. Wellons, and W. S. Long, it was unanimouily adopted.

REPORT.

Your Committee on Home Missions beg leave to report the following arrangements for supplying the churches composing this conference.

J. W. Wellons, and R. C. Tuck—Mt. Auburn, Liberty, Pope's Chapel, Fuller's, Good Hope, Oak Level, Union, Va., and Midway.

W. H. Franks, H. B. Hayes, and A. Franks—Pleasant Springs, Hays' Chapel, Smyrna and Pleasant Hill, Johnson.

R. G. Tinnen—O'Kelley's Chapel, Martha's Chapel, Christian Chapel, and Wake Chapel.

C. A. Boon—Zion, Antioch, and Bethel.

J. N. Farrell, and J. K. Gibson—Damascus, Pleasant Hill, (Chatham,) and Shallow Well.

New Elam to be supplied.

J. B. Ausley—Piney Grove, and Moore Union.

T. J. Fowler, and J. W. Hatch—Hanks Chapel.

J. N. Manning—Pleasant Grove, Reeces Chapel, and Mt. Pisgah.

A. Iseley—Bethlehem, and Apple's Chapel.
E. W. Beale—Mt. Zion.
W. S. Long—Principal of Graham Female Seminary, and pastor of New Providence.
P. R. Jones—Not present, and without work.
S. Apple—Lebanon.
J. J. Hobby—Feeble health, and not able to take any appointment.
D. T. Deanes—Liberty, Brown's Chapel, and Mt. Bethel.
A. G. Anderson—Concord, and Salem Chapel.
S. Lambeth—Removed.
W. T. Walker—Will make his own arrangements.
P. W. Allen—Principal of Allen's Institute.
C. A. Apple—Has a field in Eastern Virginia conference.
D. A. Long—Home missionary.
W. D. Moffitt—Removed to Missouri.
Thomas Truitt—Without work.
A. Apple—Home missionary.
J. M. Minnis—Removed to Tennessee.
C. Allen—Assistant at Midway.
Abner Apple—To assist A. Iseley at Apples Chapel.
J. S. Swift—Unheard from.
Park's Stand, Pleasant Grove, N. C. Ebenezer, Shallow Ford, Hine's Chapel, unsupplied.

There are many places where churches might be built up in our bounds, if we could furnish the means to send out missionaries to labor, but cannot do so for the want of means.

We would recommend our brethren in the ministry to try and enlarge their fields of labor, by getting up new places, and organizing new churches.

We would further recommend the organization of prayer meetings, at the churches and neighborhoods around the churches, to be conducted weekly, by the laity, and especially at those churches unsupplied.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. WELLONS, Chairman.

The following resolution was received, and unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of Conference are due, and are hereby tendered Rev. A. Isely for the excellent sermon delivered at the opening of this session.

The following resolution was received, and unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due to the brethren and friends around Salem Chapel for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have treated this body during its present session.

The following was received, and adopted :

Resolved, That the propriety of appointing commissioners to confer with those delegated by the Christian Union, be referred to the Executive Committee.

The following resolution was received and adopted :

Resolvedf That the thanks of Conference be tendered to the officers of the same, for the efficient discharge of their respective duties.

On motion, Conference adjourned to meet with the church at Wake Chapel,, Wake county, N. C., on Friday before the third Sabbath in November, 1868.

A. G. ANDERSON, President.

J. N. MANNING, Secretary.
D. A. LONG, }
R. C. TUCK, } Assistant Secretaries.

MINUTES

OF A

SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION

HELD AT

SALEM CHAPEL, FORSYTHE CO., N. C.,

NOVEMBER FOURTEENTH, 1868.

MINUTES.

According to previous arrangement, the brethren connected with the various Sabbath schools belonging to the North Carolina and Virginia Christian Conference, met at Salem Chapel, Forsythe county, N. C., on Saturday, the 14th, day of Nov., for the purpose of organization.

On motion, Rev. W. S. Long was called to the chair, and Rev. E. W. Beale was chosen secretary, pro tem.

On motion of Rev. J. W. Wellons, the list of churches was called, and the following delegates reported: Union, N. C., Rev. E. W. Beale; New Providenae, Rev. W. S. Long, and J. A. Long; Damascus, W. A. Pritchard; New Elam, Rev. J. N. Farrell; Pleasant Grove, Va., R. C. Tuck and C. H. Yates; O'Kelley's Chapel, C. S. Holleman and W. G. Clements; Hank's Chapel, Rev. J. W. Hatch; Mt. Pisgah, Rev. J. N. Manning; Reeces Chapel, Rev. J. N. Manning: Lebanon, Rev. C. A. Apple; Union Chapel, Va., R. Tuck; Mt. Bethel Rev. D. F. Deanes; Oak Level, Rev. J. W. Wellons; Mt. Auburn, Liberty Hill, Fuller's Chapel, Rev. J. W. Wellons; Pope's Chapel, M. C. Winston; Good Hope, Rev. J. W. Wellons; Concord, H. Rudd; Liberty School House, F. McCain; Pleasant Hill, D. C. Murchison; Haye's Chapel, J. C. Crocker; Farm Valley Academy, Rev. D. A. Long.

On motion, all ministers present were invited to seats as honorary members.

On motion, the chair appointed a committee of three, to draft a constitution for the permanent organization of the convention.

The chair appointed Revs. J. N. Manning, C, A. Apple and J. W. Wellons.

On motion, the Convention took a recess until half past one o,clock, P. M.

Afternoon Session.

Convention assembled.

The committee appointed to draft a constitution, reported the following:

On motion, the report was received, and the constitution was taken up by articles, and sections, and each one separately adopted, after which

On motion of Rev. D. A. Long, it was adopted as a whole.

On motion, Rev. T. H. Pegram, of the M. P. Church, was invited to a seat in the convention.

On motion, the chair appointed a committee of three to report permanent officers.

The chair appointed Rev. J. N. Farrell, and Brothers C. S. Holleman, and D. C. Murchison.

On motion of Rev. C. A. Apple, the members were requested to present their views on the subject of Sabbath schools; whereupon, interesting and impressive addresses were delivered by Revs. W. B. Wellons, J. N. Manning, T. H. Pegram, C. A. Apple, J. W. Wellons, D. A. Long, and others.

The committee appointed to report permanent officers reported:

For President—Rev. W. S. Long.
Vice-President—J. W. Wellons.
Secretary—Rev. E. W. Beale.
Treasurer—M. C. Winston.

On motion, the report was received and adopted.

On motion, the convention adjourned, subject to the call of the President.

Prayer by Rev. T. H. Pegram.

WEDNESDAY, November 18th.

The convention was called to order by the President.

On motion, the next session of the conventton will be held with the church at New Providence, Alamance county, N. C., commencing on Tuesday after the first Sabbath in May, 1869.

On motion, fne President appointed an Executive Committee of three, consisting of Rev. J. W. Wellons, and brothers C. E. Ayscue, and C. S. Holleman.

On motion, the minutes were ordered to be printed in connection with the minutes of the conference.

On motion, the convention adjourned, to meet at the place and time agreed upon.

W. S. LONG, President.

E. W. BEALE, Secretary.

Constitution of a Sunday School Convention.

WHEREAS, The Sunday School work, from its nature and effects is universally regarded as one of the most efficient means of grace, and

WHEREAS, We, the representatives of the several Sunday schools in the bounds of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference, in Convention assembled, do recognize the great benefits accruing to this and other similar enterprises, from organized and, associate effort; therefore, we do ordain and establish the following Constitution, or Articles of Regulation, for the perpetuation and government of said Convention, to-wit:

ARTICLE I.

This body shall be entitled, "THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE."

ARTICLE II.

The powers of this Convention shall be limited to the promotion of the cause of Sunday schools within the bounds of the N. C. and Va. Christian Conference, and at such other places as may not be occupied, as respects the Sunday school work, by any other organized body connected with the Christian Church. This Convention is empowered to use any and all such legitimate means as, in the opinion of the majority of the members composing it, shall tend to promote the great object for which it has been established.

ARTICLE III.

Sec. 1. The officers of this Convention shall consist of a President, Vice President. Secretary, and Treasurer, each of whom, except the Secretary and Treasurer, whose election is otherwise provided for, shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Convention.

Sec. 2. The President shall be chosen by a majority of all the votes cast at the election for President. He shall preside at all meetings of the Convention, see that proper order is observed, give the casting vote in case of a tie, and, in a word, perform all those functions usually discharged by the presiding officer in bodies of a similar character. He shall continue in office for the term of one year, or until his sucessor be chosen. No person under the age of twenty-five years shall be chosen President of this Convention.

Sec. 3. The Vice President shall have the same qualifications as the President, shall be elected in the same manner, and for the same time. In case of the death, resignation, removal or absence of the President, the Vice President shall discharge the duties of President.

Sec. 4. The Secretary may be chosen for an indefinite period, and may hold office during life, or the pleasure of the Convention. He shall be chosen by a majority of all the votes cast, and shall be, ex-officio, a member of the Convention. He shall receive all monies due the Convention, pay them over to the Treasurer, and take his receipt. He shall keep a faithful record of all the proceedings of the Convention, in a book procured for that purpose, and perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office of Secretary in all bodies of a similar character.

Sec. 5. The Treasurer is to be chosen in the same manner, and like that officer, shall be, ex-officio, a member of the Convention. He shall receive all monies at the hands of the Secretary, give his receipt for the same, and disburse funds in his hands by the order of the Convention, signed by the President, and attested by the Secretary. He shall make an annual report to the Convention of his receipts and disbursements.

ARTICLE IV.

This Convention shall meet regularly once every year, at such time and place as the body itself may elect.

ARTICLE V.

This Convention shall be composed of the following members:—Of all licensed and ordained ministers of the Christian Church in the bounds of the N. C. and Va. Christian Conference, at any or all of whose churches in charge a Sunday school or schools may be established; of the superintendents of each Sunday school representing itself in this body; one delegate from each Sabbath school of thirty members or less, and one delegate from each Sunday school for every twenty members, thereof, including teachers, in excess of thirty; provided, that no school shall be entitled to more than eight representatives, including the superintendent.

ARTICLE VI.

Each school represented in this body shall send up an annual report to the Convention, giving a statement of its operations during the year. This report shall be signed by the superintendent, attested by the Secretary, and shall embrace such particulars as the regulations of the Convention may dilect;

ARTICLE VII.

This Convention shall be governed by the rules generally observed by parliamentary bodies, and commonly known as parliamentary law.

ARTICLE VIII.

One-fifth of those entitled to be members of this Convention shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of ordinary business, but in case of any amendment to the constitution or organic law of this

body, at least two-thirds of those entitled to seats in this body must be present, of which number three-fourths shall vote in the affirmative; provided, that two-thirds of all entitled to seats in this body, may in case more than two-thirds are present, make any change in the Constitution.

ARTICLE IX.

The President and Secretary of this Convention, together with three other persons, to be eleeted for that purpose, by a majority of all votes cast, shall constitute an Executive Council for the transaction of such business during the interim of the Convention as may require immediate attention, which business would properly belong to the Convention itself, if in session. Also, the Convention may refer to this Executive Council such business as may be most conveniently transacted by them, and cannot conveniently be done by the Convention itself.

ARTICLE X.

The Convention shall have power, for the more effectual transaction of its business, to appoint such temporary and standing committees as the necessities of the cause may from time to time require.

THE CHRISTIANS.

As a separate and distinct organization, the CHRISTIANS came into existence near the close of the last century. The denomination was at first composed mainly of seceders from the Methodist Episcopal Church, with Rev. James O'Kelly, of Virginia, as the leading spirit in the movement.

THEIR DISTINCTIVE PRINCIPLES.

1. The Lord Jesus Christ is the only Head of the Church.
2. The name Christian, to the exclusion of all party, or sectarian names.
3. The Holy Bible, or the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments a sufficient rule of faith and practice.
4. Christian character, or vital piety the only test of fellowship, or church membership.
5. The right of private judgment and the liberty of conscience, the privilege and duty of all.

The CHRISTIANS advocate union among all the followers of Christ; are ready to join in worship with all who call upon God with a pure heart, and serve him in spirit and in truth. All who love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ are invited by them to commune at the Lord's table.

A Declaration of Principles, Form of Government and Directory for Worship, in accordance with their distinctive principles, has been devised, and is in common use among them. Price 75 cts. For sale at the *Christian Sun* office.

The CHRISTIAN SUN, published weekly at Suffolk, Va., by Rev. W. B. Wellons, is the acknowledged organ of the denomination. The SUN is put to subscribers at $3 per year, or $1.50 for six months.

A history of the Rise and Progress of the CHRISTIAN Organization, is now ready for the press, and will ere long be given to the public.

A new Hymn Book is also in course of compilation.

Plans are being matured for the re-establishment of the High Schools and Colleges suspended during the late war. And soon all the machinery necessary to the permanent success of a denomination, will be in good working order.

This is appended for the eyes of strangers into whose hands a copy of these Proceedings may happen to fall.